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Beefing up security

by Jennifer Ditchburn

Concordia's security department is pulling up its socks, two years after the provincial commission on job health and safety (CSST) first ordered it to make improvements.

Problems surrounding guard training, emergency communications, and the number of guards employed were outlined in a 1992 commission report. But by January of this year, CSST inspector Michel Lesage warned that Concordia could find itself in violation of CSST orders if it continued to delay action.

"It is difficult to believe that the university attaches much importance to the current file [on security conditions] when taking into consideration the small amount of money it allocates to the security department," Lesage wrote.

Security had estimated it would cost $1 million to make the necessary changes to the department. The university came up with $30,000, although it had been asked to contribute a third of the cost. The Minister of Education pitched in $455,000.

Following this critical CSST status report, vice-rector services Charles Bertrand (also interim rector), set the wheels in motion for five new security guards to be hired, and began altering some of the security equipment in question.

One of the primary problems plaguing security was the lack of job training for some of the guards. For the most part, security officers employed by the university were already trained. But some guards employed under Sec-Pro, a security company which has a contract with the university, had in some cases not even taken First Aid or CPR courses.

Michel Bujold, director of the security department, says now Concordia security officers have either completed training programs, or are in the process of being trained in such areas as dealing with armed robberies, and suicides.

Meanwhile, Concordia is trying to determine whether it is considered the employer of Sec-Pro employees under labour law, and therefore responsible for training them.

"With the new security contract coming up for renewal in May, we will now include previous training as a contract requirement," Bujold said.

Another area which the university has been asked to rectify is the placement and functioning of emergency phones. The red phones, placed sporadically around campus, are used to call the security office in emergency situations.

Initially, the phone system would not indicate the location of a call. Now, guards can see where calls are coming from on campus and can respond more quickly. Still, the phones are not accessible in many areas, and in the case of chemistry labs, the phones should be located outside rooms in the case of toxic spills.

Other changes made since the beginning of the year include the separation of security from other short-wave frequencies around the university, so that officers using walkie-talkies will not be interrupted by other transmissions.

CSST inspector Michel Lesage will return to the university next month for his next progress report.

Poverty groups oppose Green Paper

by Shira Katz

Poverty groups in Montreal and across Canada are joining forces in opposition to the Liberal government's plan to cut social programs.

This fall, federal Human Resources minister Lloyd Axworthy presented his "green paper" on social reform, describing, among other things, his plan to cut unemployment insurance and transfer payments to the provinces.

François Dumaire, Assistant Director at the National Poverty Organization (NAPO), has been providing information, analysis and support to approximately 700 diverse groups across Canada. He says the federal government is only presenting one side of the issue.

"The government is saying that there are options. But there's really only one option (in their view)—to cut U.I.," Dumaire said. "The government is saying there are two ways to cut (unemployment insurance and student fees)—which do you prefer? But what if I believe you should not cut? Then there really is no option."

Dumaire stresses that the reform paper ignores some crucial issues. "(There are) one million Canadian families in need of social housing, yet there is not a word about it in the green paper," he said.

NAPO is working on a brief that will address the needs which are not being addressed by current policies, as well as the reaction of these groups. The brief will be sent to the government around the end of December.

Importance of real jobs

According to Jean Lalande, a member of the Montreal Welfare Rights Committee in Montreal, the proposed liberal reforms will put working class people in a more precarious situation.

"The idea of reforming social programs won't work unless you first address the issue of job creation and the redistribution of wealth in our society," says Lalande.

Lalande added that there is a big difference between work programs and job creation, that the Liberals don't address. Work programs, such as the *Extra* programme and the *Paie* program, under provincial jurisdiction but partially funded by the federal government through transfer payments, force companies to hire the unemployed or welfare recipients while getting a tax break. These tax advantages tip the scales in favour of the employers, making it harder for the working poor to obtain higher salaries.

By comparison, job creation would give real jobs and real salaries to people so that they would not have to be on welfare or unemployment insurance, Lalande said.

Unfair tax burden

Lalande added that business is receiving more and more of these kinds of tax breaks, to the detriment of government coffers, and is thus shifting the burden of social program funding to individual citizens.

Lalande cited a public document published in January 1994 by the Ontario Federation of Labour titled "Unfair Shares: Corporations and Taxation in Canada." Corporations who get away with paying little or no tax are listed as well as corporations owing $5 million or more in deferred taxes and selected corporate income tax subsidies.

The introduction of the document states that corporate income tax has been lowered in the past 30 years (from 20 per cent to the current 8 per cent of all federal revenue), while personal income tax has risen (from 32 per cent to 50 per cent of all federal revenue).

Lalande suggested that the money from tax breaks for companies could be used for creating jobs.

"(The proposed cuts) can only be to the advantage of big employers. It weakens the position of ordinary people who have to work for a salary," he said.

Informing the public

Myreille Audet, community organizer at the Clinique Communautaire de Pointe Saint Charles, is working with other organizations in her district to generate discussion on the Axworthy reforms.

"Our position is against the reform. We think it's an economic policy that will, in a sense, favour big business," said Audet.

Audet says Axworthy is misleading Canadians when he talks about the debt.

"The government wants to cut $15 billion in a period of five years to help finance cheap labour programs. It's impossible that this money will pay all the deficit," she said, citing the current debt load of $508 billion.

Audet was one of three people who wrote a special document on November 21, titled "Pour Comprendre la Réforme des programmes sociaux du gouvernement fédéral." The document is aimed at helping poverty groups, concentrated in south-west Montreal, to understand the consequences of the Liberal reforms.

She and other Montreal poverty groups will present a summary of their positions on the reforms at a public assembly on February 7. Members of parliament Paul Martin, Raymond Lavigne and David Berger will all be there to represent the Liberal government.

"Axworthy will consult Canadians on the different options, but the cuts have already been decided on. So what he will be doing is measuring how much opposition the public feels about it," added Audet.

Green paper information

•**Mass rally** against the reform of social programs, **Tuesday December 6th at 1:30 pm at the Palais du Commerce, 1650 Berri.** Indoor briefs will be presented as well. The indoor briefs will continue on Wednesday, December 7th. There will be free bus transportation from certain points in Montreal, call your local City Hall for more info on reserving a bus seat.

-Shira Katz

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize events of interest to the Concordia community. Priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, to *the Link*–Agenda. Deadlines are 4pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 4 pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, December 2

Hot Pants:Do It Yourself Gyneclogy, a book launch at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute - an evening of music, wimmin and herbs. 7 pm, 2170 Bishop.

Saturday, December 3

Memorial Concert performed by the Concordia Chamber Choir for Professor Marie-Claude Desloges who died in a traffic accident. 8 pm, Concert Hall (Loyola).

Yakhdav presents a Hannukah party like you wouldn't believe! Recommended by Adrienne Rich, Sandra Bernhard, Barbra Streisand and her gay son. 8:30 pm. Info & location: 274-4087.

Tuesday, December 6

Demonstration to protest anti-woman and anti-feminist violence. Starts at 5:30 pm.For location and information, call 848-7431.

Day of Remembrance and Action on violence against women at the Women's Y. 10:30 am to 1 pm, 1355 Réné Lévesque West.

Women's Performance Night to commemorate the lives and rage against the deaths of the 14 women killed by male violence at the Ecole Polytechnique. 8 pm, H-767. All women welcome.

Wednesday, December 7

Open Mike Night with the Concordia Association of Undergraduate Students of English. All Welcome. 7 pm, 4040 St-Laurent. Info: 848-7411.

Thursday, December 8

"Salvadorian Women Resisting Violence," a lecture by Ana Cisneros, feminist activist and co-ordinator of the *Secretariat National des Femmes du Front Farabundo Marti de Liberation Nationale*. 12 noon, 2170 Bishop, Basement Lounge.

Sunday, December 11

Choeur Maha presents a Concert to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the massacre at Ecole Polytechnique. 8 pm, Erskime American Church, corner Sherbrooke W & Ave du Musée. Information & tickets: 522-3315.

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Birth Control Workshops to explore options for men and women. Mondays at 12 noon, 2155 Guy, Rm. 407; Wednesdays at 12 noon, 6935 Sherbrooke W, Room 101. To register, call Health Services, 848-3565/3575.

Sign-language courses at the Montreal Deaf Community Centre. Placement tests are required. 65 de Castelnau. Info: TTY: 279-8535.

Peer Helpers is a free, confidential listening service of students helping students. 2090 Mackay St. Info: 848-2859.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, a resource group for students trying to make ends meet. Info: Peer Helpers, 848-2859.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting." Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm, Thursdays 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Annex Z. Info: Campus Ministry, Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families group meets Fridays from 7 to 9 pm at the YWCA, corner Réné Lévesque and Crescent. Info: 843-5257.

Questioning your sexual orientation? Coming Out support group, confidential and friendly atmosphere. Men's Group: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2090 Mackay, Room 02. Women's Group: TBA. For information or individual support call the Peer Helper Centre, 848-2859.

Sign up now for workshops on communication skills, career & life planning, building relationships, study skills, loss and grieving support groups etc. For information, call Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

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Food Basket Drive: Please donate non-perishable food items to Caribbean Students Union, H-508-1, African Students' Association, H-608-2 or Dean of Students Office, AD-121 or H-653. Collection ends Dec. 18.

Volunteers needed to help provide services for disabled students. Info: 848-3525 (voice and TDD), Disabled Students' Services.

The NDG Anti-Poverty Group needs computer donations (286 mg. or better) and donations of office equipment & supplies. Info: 489-3548.

Yellow Door Elderly Project needs volunteers to accompany seniors to appointments. Info: Carolee or Leigh Ann: 398-6243.

Compeer Montreal, a community service which provides friendship and support to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day, lending a sympathetic ear to Montrealers who are lonely, abused, out of work, emotionally scarred or suicidal. Info: 935-1105.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program each semester, in which students visit inmates at Archambault Prison. Volunteers must meet with a chaplain ahead of time. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3586.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3591.

Les Ateliers des Mélomanes–13 different themes on the music business, filmed on location and rebroadcast on CUTV. Every Sunday, 4 pm, 235 Sherbrooke W, Studio 110. Info: 990-5209.

WOMEN

The Montréal Assault Prevention Centre offers a self-defense course called ACTION for women. Each course provides verbal and physical techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. Next course Saturday, Nov. 19 & 26. To register call: 284-1212.

SOS Violence conjugale 24 hour crisis intervention a shelter referral. 873-9010.

How do I Look? Women's Film, video and sound festival is now accepting submissions. Drop off entries at BR-314 or Cafe X. Deadline: Dec. 23. Info: 278-8266, 495-1014.

Mouvement contre le viol: 842-5040.

24 Hour Hotline & Crisis Line, Montreal Sexual Assault Centre, 934-4504.

Self-Help Groups meet weekly dealing with incest, destructive personal relationships, sexual identity etc. Info: 866-9941, ext. 293.

Concordia Women's Centre provides a lounge area for women in the University Community, referral and support, information and community notice boards. 2020 Mackay, downstairs. 848-7431.

Centre des femmes de Montréal: Services de première ligne, 842-4780; Service aux femmes immigrantes, 842-0814; Option'Elle, 842-6652; Formation'Elle, 842-4776.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre provides free counselling and emotional support, medical assessment and treatment, information on police and court procedures, court accompaniment, support groups for survivors and public education on sexual assault issues. Info: 934-4504.

Literacy Centre. Anglophone women aged 16 and older who need help learning to read and write should contact the Women's Y. Personal tutoring services are free and based on each student's special needs. For more information, to volunteer or refer someone, call 866-9941, ext. 278.

Centre for AIDS Services for Women needs volunteers. Info: 954-0170, Basia.

Jeunes Avec Toit offers shared, inexpensive accommodation for young women (18-30) in need of shelter who wish to upgrade their job or life skills. Referral services, individual support, life skills programs. Info: Doreen or Mary Denis, 769-0855.

TAMS–Support for Teenage mothers: food bank, day care, group activities and weekly meetings. Info: 866-9941, ext. 314.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre needs volunteers for its 24 hour telephone crisis line. Concerned, bilingual women should call 934-4504, 934-9354.

Nice Jewish Girls: Jewish, lesbian/bisexual and interested in being part of a discussion and/or spiritual/social/activist group? Info: 848-7431.

The Concordia Student Safety Patrol needs female volunteers! If you have an extra 6 hours/month, please sign up. 848-8700.

Need Experience with Pre-schoolers or multiculturalism? Parenthèse is a unique playgroup for immigrant moms and their children and is looking for volunteers. Tues. or Thurs. 1-4:15 pm. Info: Cyndy, 934-0354, ext. 354.

YWCA's Active Listening and Referral Service needs volunteers to lend an empathetic ear to women in need. Fridays 10 am to 6 pm. Fifteen hour training course required. Info: Lynda Tétrault, 866-9941, ext. 293.

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Concordia Undergraduate History Students' Association is back in business. Call or drop by our office, CH-222. Info: 848-7463.

Caribbean Students Union is looking for new members. All welcome. Info: H-508-1; 848-3527.

Concordia Irish Society meets every Tuesday at 8 pm, P-103. Info: 848-7411.

Debating Meetings Wednesday, 7 pm and Friday, 2 pm, H-937.

Concordia Queer Collective holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 5:30 pm in P-102. Information: 848-7414.

Latin American Students Organization invites all students interested in joining to visit their offices. 2010 Mackay, Rm. 02. Info: 848-3532.

Concordia Writers' Group meets every Thursday, 3:30, HB-301. Info: Bill, 684-3502.

International Socialists Students' Association meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in H-771. Join our weekly political discussions. Information about meetings, actions or membership: 521-1983.

Czesc!!! Polish students' association is looking for new members. Info: Joanna, 486-5179.

Ham Radio Meetings every Tuesday. Personal two-way radio, television, UHF/VHF, satellite and computer communications by ham radio. All Welcome. 7 to 9 pm, H-644-1. Info: 848-7474.

Brasilian students interested in forming a student association, call Edna, Prado: 845-9322 or Adriana: 735-0133.

Sociology & Anthropology Students general meeting information: Hasan, 445-1674.

Pakistani Students Association needs volunteers to help out with events. Info: Adil, 287-0774.

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TRAVEL

Cuba Brigade: Join International Youth Brigade. 2 weeks. Jan 6 to 20. See first-hand revolutionary life in Cuba. Info: 284-7369.

WANTED

Ride to Ottawa needed around December 20th. Will share gas expenses. Danny, 365-2526.

GENERAL

Graduate Student get-togethers with the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dean Martin Kusy would like to meet with graduate students this year on an informal basis. Sessions have been arranged for this purpose from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at our Graduate Administration Offices, 2145 Mackay Street, on the following dates: Second Semester: Tuesday, January 31, 1995; Monday, February 13, 1995. Our space is limited. Please reserve one of the above dates by contacting Ms. Kali Sakell at 848-3803. We look forward to seeing you.

Che Guevara "The Bolivian Diary." Book launch to celebrate new Pathfinder Publication. Sat, Dec. 3, 7:30 pm, Pathfinder Bookstore. 4581 St-Denis (Mont Royal). 284-7369.

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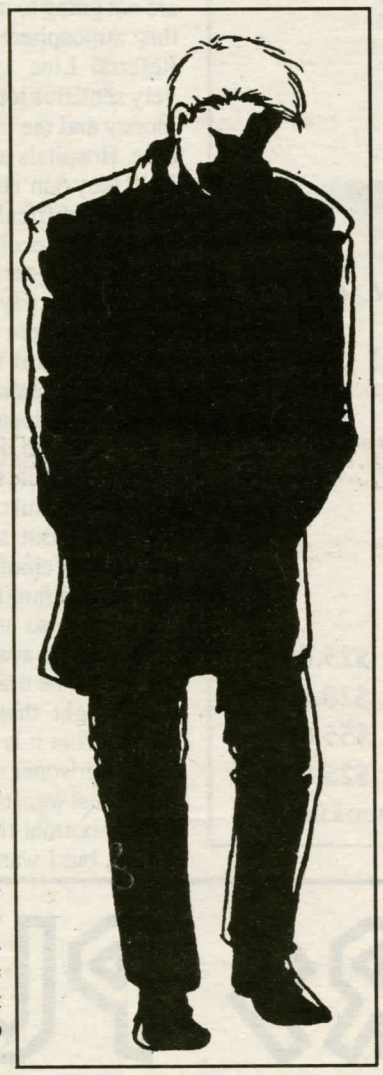
WAITING IN VEIN

Recovering heroin addicts offered little support

by Jeffrey Christian

Marcel Giacobbi is 23 years old. He spends most days panhandling in front of liquor stores, Provi-Soirs or in the Metros downtown. He is recognizable to those on the Plateau as the young guy who goes around barefoot asking for change. He lives in a tiny one room apartment in Montreal North. Before he got the apartment in September he was on the streets.

Marcel's apartment is not a nice place to spend time. It's furnished with only a fold-out couch, a table and two chairs, clothes are strewn haphazardly about, mixed with books and newspapers, and from somewhere emanates a smell of decay.



But this room is not without hope. Marcel moved here as the first step in his plan to break his heroin addiction, one that has kept him prisoner for five years.

John's situation is different. His large Victorian apartment in downtown Montreal is stuffed with antique furniture and music equipment. Keyboards, amps and mixers compete for space in the room John uses for his studio.

John is a producer for a popular radio show. He does freelance production for musicians, as well as playing in a band. In his spare time he works out with weights to maintain his body.

All this keeps him busy while he struggles to maintain a tenuous grip on his heroin addiction.

Two addicts with very different lives. What they share is a crippling addiction and the difficulty of living in Montreal, where it's as easy to find heroin as it is difficult to get support for breaking the habit. For those who want to regain control of their lives, it requires patience to get this help.

Waiting for help

Marcel has been trying to get into a treatment program since he took his apartment in September. So far he hasn't even made it on to a waiting list. Once you get to the waiting list you have to do just that—wait.

"When you have someone on the phone crying—who really wants help—you want to tell them there are more resources available. But you can't. You can only wish them good luck," said Monique Cantin, co-ordinator of the Drug Help and Referral Line, a 24 hour hotline for people in need of information or assistance regarding drug addiction. She is disheartened by the wait that someone addicted to drugs must endure.

The resources available for heroin addicts in Montreal are few and far between. The Drug Help and Referral line refers callers to the Montreal General Hospital Addictions Unit if they are English and the St. Luc Hospital Addictions Treatment Unit if they are French. They will direct male callers to The Anchorage, a rehabilitation program run by the Salvation Army.

Also available are self help groups like Narcotics Anonymous, or private treatment programs such as Portage or Le Rucher (both outside the Montreal area). But these programs are underfunded, understaffed, and overbooked.

Detoxification, or an in-patient program, is one of the most important services needed by heroin addicts who will suffer severe withdrawal from its powerful physical addiction. Detox means hospital supervision during the worst period of breaking the addiction, which that may be accompanied by convulsions, seizures, pain and hallucinations in severe cases.

St. Luc Hospital offers the only Montreal in-patient medical detoxification, with only 26 beds.

But according to statistics kept at the Drug Help and Referral Line there were 909 calls seeking help for heroin addiction in the first ten months of 1994. This doesn't include people who may have called other services directly without going through the Referral Line.

Calling a referral service or one of the treatment programs is only the first step—admitting that there is a problem. Actually getting into a program is the real challenge.

"We only have four beds at the [Montreal] General for the 8 to 10 day detox period," said Gail Gauthier, administrator of the Addictions Unit of the Montreal General, who would like to see more resources for those suffering from addiction. The beds aren't reserved solely for people from the Addictions Unit either.

"It's very discouraging for people when they call because there is a three month waiting list," Gauthier said. And that's a three month wait just to be assessed by a member of the staff. Only then can a person enter the outpatient treatment program.

Other limitations to the General's program make it difficult to get help. Clients have to be fluent in English, as this is the English language treatment program for Montreal, and they must have Quebec Medicare. The program doesn't offer psychiatric care, so addicts who need counseling must find their own psychiatric care outside of the program.

However, the out-patient program has no limit on the number of people who can enter. Once a person has been assessed by a staff member, they are referred to a family doctor who can give a short-term prescription to the patient for Valium or Catapress, drugs used to ease the withdrawal symptoms from heroin. Once the initial withdrawal is over, then rehabilitation therapy begins.

Rehab involves group therapy meetings at the clinic once or twice a week. These are supported by psychological counseling and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Through all of this patients learn to change their lifestyle to keep them away from the habits that supported their drug use.

> ***"If he's shaking or crying or says he's dying then we'll take him in"***

"It takes a long time to change the things in life that people need to have in order to stay off the drugs," said Gauthier.

In-patient versus out-patient

Gauthier admits that the program is not very successful for heroin addicts without a strong support system. "Most heroin addicts can't do it this way. People who have done it before have had strong motivaters and people around them who can give them lots of support," she said.

John had that support system around him. The program at the Montreal General is suitable for an addict in his situation who already has a structure in his life—a job, hobbies and a close circle of friends. The program helped him break his addiction and live his life to its full potential.

> ***"When you have someone on the phone crying, who really wants help, you want to tell them there are more resources available. But you can't."***

St. Luc Hospital offers a more comprehensive in-patient program combined with out-patient rehabilitation than Montreal General Hospital. But they still only have 22 beds available for detoxification, and heroin addicts must compete for them with severe alcoholics and IV cocaine addicts who also suffer painful withdrawal when they kick their habit.

But getting on their waiting list is even more difficult. St. Luc's only takes names for its program by a phone line, open only on Friday afternoons between 2:30 and 3:00 o'clock and accepting only twelve names during this half hour. Needless to say the lines are very busy during this period.

Their in-patient detox program is followed by an out-patient program of group therapy, psychological counseling and methadone therapy. St. Luc uses Methadone because it allows clients the time to build structure in their lives. If they only spend half an hour a day taking their Methadone treatment, this allows them the rest of the day to work, attend therapy and support group meetings, and build a life away from the places where they used to use heroin.

Although Methadone is also an opiate, the withdrawal is much less severe than from that of iv heroin use. The Montreal General does not prescribe Methadone, as there is controversy surrounding the use of one opiate to treat another.

This is the program that Marcel is trying desperately to get into. He feels that if he can get through detox and on a methadone program then he can build enough structure into his life to break his addiction. However, Marcel doesn't have a phone. Getting access to a phone for the half hour he needs is difficult for him. Public phones are too slow to get through the high volume of calls.

The Anchorage is the third major rehabilitation program in Montreal. While it has 42 places it does not offer any form of detoxification for its clients. André Rochon, a former heroin addict and alcoholic, is now the Assistant Program Director at The Anchorage. He says they would rather phone emergency services and send someone to the hospital suffering from major withdrawal than turn someone away from their door.

"We have never said 'no' to a man. We work on a compassionate basis," he said.

The Anchorage is a program designed for male street people and former inmates with Federal and Provincial Corrections. "If he's shaking or crying or says he's dying then we'll take him in," said Rochon regarding how they screen people. "If his life skills are shot we'll take him, too."

If they enter the program the are hosteled for the period of their rehab at the Salvation Army barracks at 880 Guy Street. The rehabilitation period is six months minimum with support after that time if needed.

For the six month rehabilitation, the men are given a strict regimen to help them regain life skills. Each day begins at 8:00 am with a Christian chapel service including a reading, a hymn, bible instruction and a discussion of needs. From this time on, the men are under close supervision. They attend classes on anger management and life skills, including how to prepare a resume. Other activities include a bible study class, a relapse prevention seminar and an in house Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous meeting on Mondays and Thursdays.

The men also perform "work therapy" where they sort clothes for the Salvation Army Store or other duties if they have special qualifications. The only unsupervised time is between 8:00 pm and 10:30 pm, when they may attend an outside Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous meeting. Attendance at these meeting must be verified. The men must be back in the house

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by 10:30 and there is an 11:00 lights out rule. During the night there are hourly checks on the dormitory. Patients here are also subject to random urine test and breathalyzers during the course of their stay. A relapse is grounds for dismissal from the program.

While this is a strong program and the success rate is high, it may prove daunting to a person who does not accept the Salvation Army's Christian philosophy. People from other religions or cultures may not be comfortable with the mandatory Christian chapel services. But this is one of the few programs in Montreal.

Rehabilitation programs in dire straits

This lack of services is upsetting for those who work with people suffering from drug addiction. Gauthier of the Montreal General referred to the Bertrand Report as a blueprint for the services that should be offered for rehabilitation and detoxification. The report, tabled by the provincial government in 1990, argues that detox beds in the Montreal area should increase from the 24 available in 1990 to 60 by the end of 1994. It also asks for a $30 million increase in funding for all forms of rehabilitation in Quebec.

But as Gauthier notes resignedly, "Governments are making cutbacks in social and health services. They are not going to increase funding in this atmosphere." Cantin of the Referral Line agrees, "This is a very sensitive topic. It costs a lot of money and the funding isn't available. Hospitals are supposed to do it but they don't have the resources. It is very difficult."

But both recognize that this is a sensitive subject in the general public. Many taxpayers do not want to pay for a system that supports drug addicts, even if it is a system that will help to make them productive members of society.

John would like to see more spaces available too. He has undergone successful treatment in for his addiction. But that came with a great deal of emotional support from friends and family.

Marcel also would like to see more spaces available for people like him. The life he lives now and the thought that he might never escape from it is terrifying to him. "I am a prisoner and I'm alone." he said "I just want to live a normal life and do normal things. It might be boring, but I want that."

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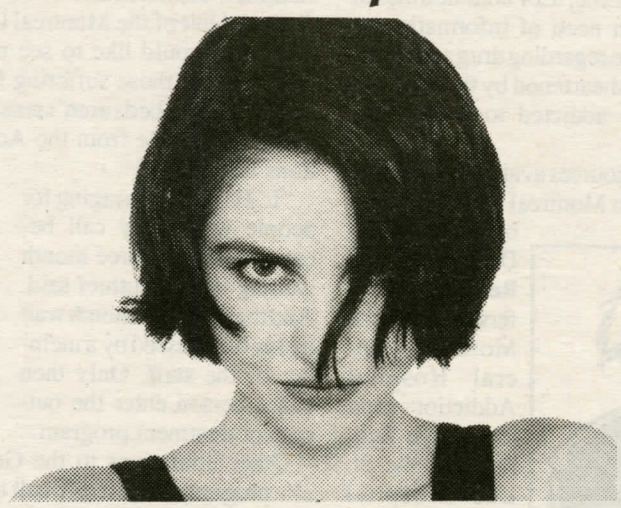

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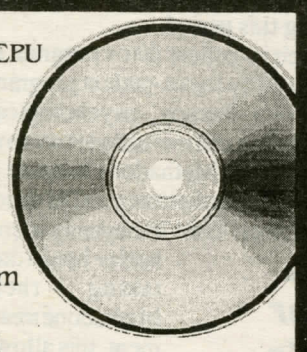

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A brief history of tuition fees

by Rachel Furey

OTTAWA (CUP)—University tuition fees have not always been high. There was a time when full-time jobs during the school year and loan repayment extending long after graduation were not necessary realities.

Tuition fees in 1929 (adjusted to present day prices using the Consumer Price Index) were on average about $600 per year. Today, most students pay more than $2,000 for the same service.

The reason for the price increase is a government decrease in financial support for post-secondary education.

This has become especially evident in recent years. As the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada points out in its 1991 publication of Trends, a document which examines finances at Canadian universities, "It is clear that government support has not kept pace with inflation and student growth."

According to Trends, "Government support has declined steadily from 1977 to the present."

In the past, many provincial governments took measures that made university education readily accessible to students. During the 1940s, the Ontario provincial government paid the university tuition of all returning war veterans.

The Newfoundland government took this concept a step further in the 1960s when it decided to pay the tuition fees for all full-time students who were residents of Newfoundland, a practice which continued until 1974.

In Quebec, the provincial government imposed a fee freeze, which kept fees at 1967 levels in current dollars. It unfroze fees in 1990, and since then they have risen more than 200 per cent. However, Quebec universities' tuition fees are still the lowest in the country.

In other countries such as Sweden, there are no tuition fees and students attend university at the expense of their governments.

But as the Council of Ontario Universities points out in its 1989 publication, Focus on Fees, there is not a greater number of students in Sweden due to the accessibility of post-secondary education.

The choice by young people to attend university "is more likely the result of parental influences on motivation and career choices."

According to Statistics Canada, tuition fees increased about 120 per cent from 1980 to 1990. Fee increases at Ontario universities were consistent with this 120 per cent.

The greatest increase was seen in B.C., where fees increased almost 200 per cent and the smallest increase was in Quebec where, due to the pre-1990 freeze, fees increased by 75 per cent.

The 1993 Profile of Post-Secondary Education in Canada reveals that the portion of government funding for university decreased from 1982 to 1992.

This led to an increase in tuition fees, which now account for 30 per cent more of the percentage distribution of total university income than they did in 1982. That means 13 per cent of the total university income now comes from students.

Many have suggested that the proposals in the Green Book, the federal government's recent attempt to reform education, health care and unemployment, will lead the provinces to hike tuition fees by as much as $2,000 to $8,000 as early as next year.

The book itself says that the trend of rising tuition fees "will no doubt continue" as the federal government goes after the national debt.

Canadian students aren't studying abroad

by Florence Hwang

REGINA (CUP)—Canadian universities should make it a priority to encourage students to go on foreign exchange programs to avoid a disadvantage in future international competition, says a new report.

The report, released by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), says that Canada ranks among the lowest of the G7 nations in sending students to study abroad.

The report was critical of Canada's post-secondary education system. It noted that Canada is the most dependent of all G7 countries on external trade, but spends less than any other G7 nation on international education and training.

However, Canada's Foreign Exchange Student Program is young compared to those of the United States, Great Britain and France.

"For the best university, there is less than 1.5 per cent of students that go on individual, student, or exchange programs," said Barry Tonge, Education Abroad coordinator at the University of Alberta.

"It's a new phenomena. Only in the mid-eighties did the issue become more important," Tonge said.

According to Tonge, the University of Alberta hopes to have 10 per cent of its students involved in exchange programs in the next 10 years, roughly the same percentage as most European countries.

Compared to the United States and European countries, Canada has invested very little in international exchanges.

"Institutional commitment is the key to making the Foreign Exchange Program work for Canadian students," stressed Tonge.

Part of the reason why so few Canadian students go abroad to study is because there is no mechanism to put students on exchanges—Canadian universities don't see these programs as a priority or necessity. Also, students have to finance themselves in most cases.

"Canada has a more serious attitude, and has more of an academic priority in student linkages. There is more attention, more awareness on doing it correctly. There is more focus on quality, rather than on quantity," Tonge said.

Another problem is the transfer of credit. The European countries have standardized credit systems. Canada doesn't.

"We don't have our act together to even work out the fine points of credit within the country, let alone to deal outside the country," said Sel Murray, student affairs manager at the University of Regina.

Most universities are beginning to see the significance and the importance of an international education.

Murray sees foreign student exchange programs as an important investment.

"The business and administration department was the quickest to pick up on this [exchange programs' importance]," said Wayne Miles, director of the International Centre at Queen's University.

"There are some critical questions that need to be answered first. How should the university institution set its priorities? How many students do we want coming in as foreign exchange students? And how many students do we want to send out? What kind of programs do we want to be involved in?" Miles said.

Canadian students are becoming more interested in the international exchange programs, according to Miles.

"The interest is there in a phenomenal way. There are many more students interested than we can facilitate," said Tonge.

Jim Fox, CBIE president, called for a foundation that would be funded by the government and private industry.

"We feel it would be a positive influence for Canada. It would have tangible benefits."

Music prof suing students

by Sophie Nadeau

SASKATOON (CUP)— A University of Saskatchewan assistant professor has decided to sue seven students in the music department, in what some university leaders have called a dangerous precedent.

Walter Kreyszig is suing the students for material printed in the March 1992 issue of Spasm, a music students' publication He is looking for a judgment in excess of $15,000. The suit has left the students scrambling for funds for legal counsel.

Kreyszig is suing the editor, Richard Dub, and six other students for material which he claims makes him "the subject of a defamatory caricature of his person and achievement and a subject of an attempt at parody."

As a result, Kreyszig feels the students' comments were used to "humiliate and expose to ridicule [him] in his office as a scholarly writer and in his musicianship." He declined to comment on the suit.

Jim Mitchell, a music education student and husband of one of the students being sued, said that the two personal ads and one poem published in 1992 were "meant as a joke" and "weren't really that bad."

There is a university of Saskatchewan policy which deals with these kinds of situations. The policy allows for student discipline, ranging from total dismissal to expelling students.

Many are bothered that Kreyszig went directly to the courts instead of dealing with the matter internally. "It is regrettable that Professor Kreyszig took this course of action," said Arts and Science Dean Atkinson.

Atkinson added that he did not feel the courts were a good place for resolving professor-student problems.

Vera Pezer, U of S vice-president of student services, echoed Atkinson's concerns, saying, "You always have the opportunity to take legal action. However, Professor Kreyszig made absolutely no attempt to resolve this matter informally. . . . I wish he hadn't done this."

Bruce Pon from the U of S student union is concerned the professor's actions "could set a dangerous precedent' in how professor-student conflicts are resolved.

He added that, in terms of this particular case, all parties involved need to know more facts before they "jump in" to defend the students.

Although it is out of the university's hands, Pezer admits she is "concerned for the well-being of the students" and will ensure support is available to them.

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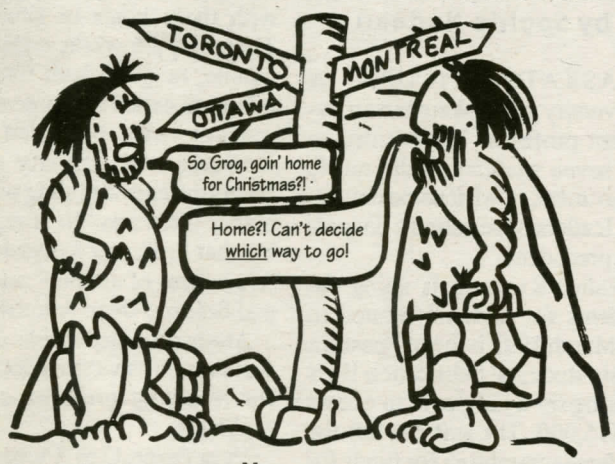

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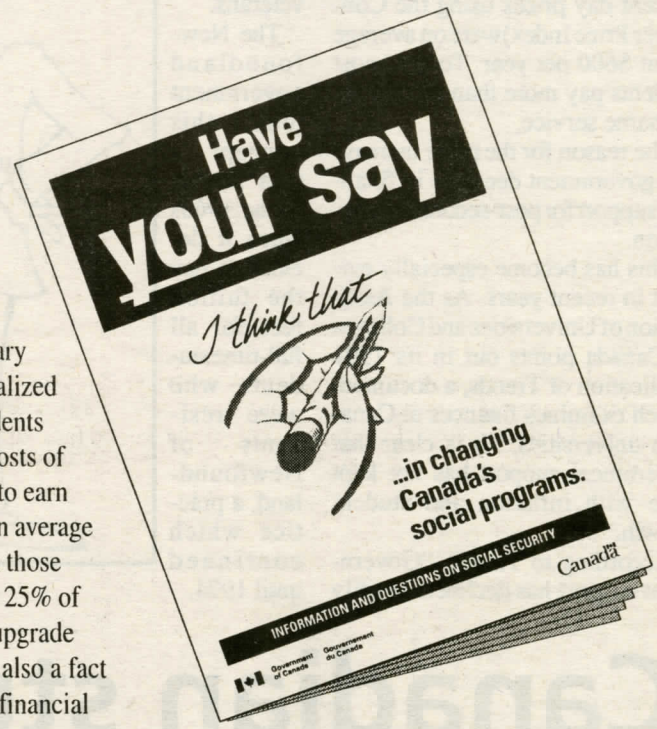

FACTS

Canada spends more of its Gross National Product on post-secondary education than any other industrialized country. Canadian university students now pay only about 20% of the costs of their education. They can expect to earn 40% more over their lifetime — an average of $11,700 more per year — than those with no university diploma. Over 25% of people in the workforce want to upgrade their skills but can't afford it. It's also a fact that all governments are facing a financial squeeze and have to review their programs.

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No Dookie on this writer

by Sean Moore

First things first! Last night, that being Wednesday night, the 30th of November, I saw **Green Day**. They were good. As for my summer vacation? I had fun. Ha! Okay, seriously now. The venue was the Verdun Auditorium, not too conveniant but that's not too important. I had missed **Totten Hosen** (Dead pants) but was miffed to hear that they wuz purdy good. I did catch **Pansy Division** though, and they fucking rocked. They were very similar to **Sloppy Seconds**, big difference being that they wanted to be homosexuals unlike Sloppy Seconds well known song *I Don't Wannabe a Homosexual*. Everyone was caught up in the raucous atmosphere, sweating and jumping to ditties such as *I'll Jack You Off*. Anyone care to guess what that one's about?

The band finished and the lights went up. Holeeee Christ onna crutch! These kidz were sooo young. It was unbelieveable. I'm not very old myself, born in 70', but I just couldn't get past the fact that the majority of the audience probably were still just a glimmer in their parents eyes when **The Damned** released *Love Song* in 76.

During the break, the people meandered aimlessly about while listening to the piped in hardcore. That was a pleasant surprise. Another fine Greenland production.

Lights out, crowd cheering, ***Billie Joe*** began to croon and all hell broke loose. I've seen them before and once again they were true to form. Nary a difference between live and cd. They shifted from one hit to another, back and forth, tracing their history from their inception right through all three albums. Billie Joe even sang the bonus track from *Dookie "All by Myself"*.

Backstage at the *meet'n'greet*, the trio from Oakland were brief, friendly and yes, very adorable (inna punk rock sorta way). They signed autographs, kissed fans, drank beer answered questions with a smile.

I asked what I could, which wasn't much. Here's what I got, they were leaving at 6 a.m. for Philadelphia, they stayed at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, **Mike Dirnt** plays a Gibson bass and has been playing bass for six years, **Tre Cools'** mother inspired the song *Dominated Love Slave* (so he says), all three of them said I could kiss them (so I did, to make my ex-girlfriend jealous) and Mike Dirnt verified the fact that I used to play violin in Green Day. This last statement caused many of the teeny boppers to look in my direction, autograph pads in hand, until they realised they had been had. Good time, good show, good band and good luck. Oh, congratulations must be sent out to Tre Cool, he is about to become a father.

If you missed out on this, don't feel too pank-ish, there are still alot of good shows coming up but your gonna hafta hussle. Straight outta Coventry come ska revivalist icons, **The Specials**. This is their first time in Montreal and damnit it should be a real skank-fest. I wouldn't want to miss it for all the beans in beanland. If you are unfamiliar with The Specials, change that. Pick up a copy of *The Specials*, *More Specials* or *Dance Craze*. I'm not sure what got them back together, but I'm glad they are. Opening up for them, from Toronto, are *One*. So if you like ska and reggae then make sure Monday Dec.5 is left open and head on down to Metropolis. Tickets are $15. Plus, **Shades of Culture** are doing their thang on the 15th at Purple Haze. Another worthwhile act to check out.

Ah yes. Christmas is upon us once again. Buy now and save. Make up your list and lay out the cookies, Santa's going on another drive-by. Here's a couple of good picks worth listing.

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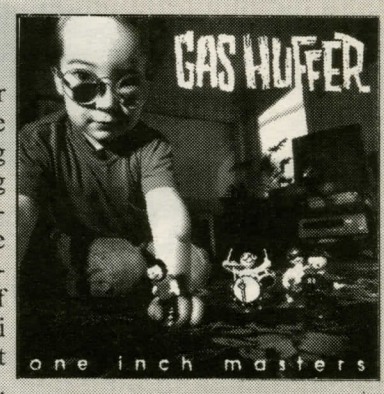

If The Ventures ever spent a weekend with The Butthole Surfers smoking formaldehyde and sniffing ether, the sum of their collaboration would sound like Gashuffer. One Inch Masters is a fine blend of raunchabilly guitar, Hawaii 5-0 basslines and vocals not unlike those in The Didjits. Not too heavy, but definately not your typical flava-o-the-month, you'll never hear this played at Reggies. Unless of course you comandeer the sound system yourself. That's a fact.

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Cowboy Mouth really rocks, café style

Community theatre comes back to life

by Shira Katz

When I first stepped into an apartment building and had to find my way to the eighth floor, I didn't think that I was going to have an enjoyable evening. However, the moment I stepped into the studio, I was pleasantly surprised by the welcoming atmosphere. Couches, rock music and ash-trays reminded me of a small café, inviting the audience to make themselves at home. The couches enclose a drum set and a bed, with tons of clothing scattered around them.

The atmosphere of a theatre is sometimes what makes a show so enjoyable to watch. There is the conventional, actors-apart-from-audience theatre, and the experimental, sit-close-up theatre. The Mea Culpa collective succeeds at portraying a café-like rock'n'roll atmosphere in their production of *Cowboy Mouth*. The audience sits so close to the actors you can practically smell their breath. However, in this age where we are used to seeing close-up images of people on television and in film, this kind of theatre really works. I felt involved throughout this multi-media spectacle.

Based on a true story, *Cowboy Mouth* depicts the sad relationship of Patty Smith who eventually became a rock star, and Sam Shepherd who was a rock star wannabe. Written by both of them in 1971, it's a play that reflects reality and fantasy in a world where the trappings of rock'n'roll consume the lives of two people.

"The themes are more important than the characters and the context in which it takes place," explained actor **John Goodrich**, who plays character Slim (based on the life of Sam Shepherd). Patty Smith's story is depicted in a character named Cavale (played by actor **Sasha Wentges**).

The frustrating world of Cavale (Sasha Wentges), who believes that Slim John (John Goodrich) will be her rock n' roll saviour in the play *Cowboy Mouth*

The plot plays on the idea of rock'n'roll idolatry as the new religion of young people. The spectacle includes a live rock band in silhouette, with band members hidden behind screens, as well as dance and movement by the main characters. The spectacle successfully depicts Cavale's fantasy of fame for Slim, a man who she kidnapped off the street with a revolver in order to make him into the rock'n'roll saviour. "I think that Cavale has a lot to do with hope and belief, being that we live in a pretty cynical age," said Sasha.

In one scene where Slim is compared to Mick Jagger, the lead singer of the Rolling Stones, Cavale says, "You've got to be like a rock'n'roll Jesus with a cowboy mouth."

An interesting twist in the play is the addition into the couple's life of a third character, Lobster Man. Played by actor **Michael Palmeter**, Lobster Man is a character who never says a word, but he adds another dimension to the closed-off world of the two main characters. This character was hilarious, although some audience members weren't sure whether to laugh or to take him seriously.

If you like loud music in a coffee-house style atmosphere, and you question the idolatry of rock stars such as Kurt Cobain, then this is a play you won't want to miss.

Don't miss the last two shows! Cowboy Mouth is playing Friday and Saturday at 8 pm at 10 Ontario St. W, suite 808, just a block from metro St. Laurent. Admission is $5.00. Reservations: call 849-9402.

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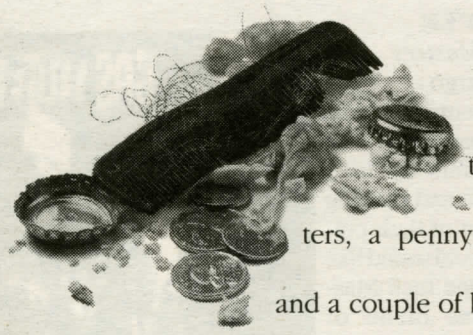

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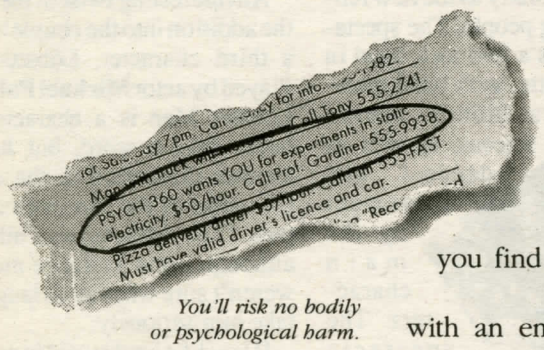
Getting money out of a couch is never easy. But having money sent to you, is. We're Western Union, and that's our business. We're the fastest way to have anybody send money to you from anywhere.

REMAIN CALM.

Money emergencies happen. And they especially seem to happen precisely when you're away from home, away from your most important financial asset: your parents. Luckily, when you find yourself with an emergency need for cash, we can send it to you fast.



You'll risk no bodily or psychological harm.

YOUR MONEY ARRIVES IN MINUTES.

First, you guessed it, call your folks. (What reasons you give are a function of the severity of your fiscal trauma.)

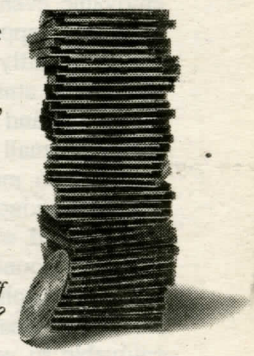
In our experience, it's usually something like car trouble or (and this is always a good one) unexpected textbook costs. Whatever you do, don't mention your complete inability to budget.

NO BANKS. NO CHEQUES. NO MAIL. NO PROBLEMS.

Then, instead of asking your parents to put your cheque in the mail (which could take forever) or having them do a bank transfer (which can still take a couple of days) have them go to their nearest Western Union location. (Call 1-800-235-0000 to find where it is.) Your folks hand the money to Western Union and, in minutes, Western Union hands the money to you. It's really that easy.

OVER 1,200 LOCATIONS ACROSS CANADA.

There's a Western Union location close to your campus. We have over 1,200 across Canada, and we also have over 22,000 locations around the world. So no matter where you live, and no matter where your parents live (Canada, the United States, Europe, Africa, or Asia) their money is only minutes away.



Sure, you could sell off your CD collection. But why?

HOW TO USE WESTERN UNION IN 3 EASY STEPS.

1. Have one of your folks go to a Western Union location.
2. They give their Western Union representative your name and the money.
3. Minutes later, your Western Union representative hands you the money.

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